

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**RECORD OF THE DECISIONS OF THE LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE**

**HELD AT 6.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2014**

**THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE  
CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

**Members Present:**

Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs (Chair)

Councillor Amina Ali  
Councillor Rachel Blake

**1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.

**2. RULES OF PROCEDURE**

The rules of procedure were noted.

**3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**3.1 Application for a New Premises Licence for Hotbox, 46 - 48 Commercial Street, London E1 6LT**

This item was resolved prior to the meeting as both objectors had withdrawn their objections and therefore no longer required consideration by the Licensing Sub Committee.

**3.2 Application to Review the Premises Licence for Preem Restaurant and Balti House, 118-122 Brick Lane, London, E1 6RL**

The Licensing Objectives

In considering the application, Members were required to consider the same in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 (as amended), the Licensing Objectives, the Licensing Guidance and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

Consideration

Each application must be considered on its own merits and the Chair stated that the Sub Committee had carefully considered all of the evidence before them and had heard representation from all interested parties.

Members reached a decision and the decision was unanimous. Whilst making the decision Members had regard to section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 and paragraph 11 of the statutory guidance relating to reviews. The Chair stated that in light of the number of repeated and serious breaches of the premise licence conditions in relation to touting which is in itself was a criminal offence, Members felt that it was appropriate and proportionate to suspend the premises licence for the maximum period of 3 months.

The Chair stated that it was the Sub Committee's (although they could not bind other Sub-Committees) view that this was Mr Azmal Mert Hussain's, Premise Licence Holder final opportunity to put matters right, responsibly manage the premises and abide with conditions of the license.

The Chair stated that it was evident from the evidence provided at the meeting that touting was a widespread problem and not just in relation to this premises as there were ongoing breaches by other premises in the area and in fact the Police themselves state that it is "part of life in Brick Lane". Therefore the Chair stated that this would be further considered by the Licensing Committee and suggested that a comprehensive programme and strategy be produced to address this across the board.

#### Decision

Accordingly, the Sub-Committee unanimously –

#### **RESOLVED**

That the application for a Review of the Premises Licence for, Preem Restaurant & Balti House, 118-122 Brick Lane, London E1 6RL be **GRANTED in part** with a suspension of the licence.

#### Suspension

Three month's suspension. (the commencement date for suspension, to be detailed, in the decision notification letter)

#### **4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs  
Licensing Sub Committee